

Page 5 Page 7 M. GAMMELLA 1 1 M. GAMMELLA 2 2 it was before this lawsuit. that you have a good memory? 3 THE WITNESS: Average, normal 3 I don't know if it's convenient. The 4 memory. 4 house was in foreclosure. That's why I had to 5 MR. MOSER: Okay. 5 sell. That's another --6 **EXAMINATION BY** 6 Q. Okay. Have you ever owned any other 7 7 real estate, other than 664 Flanders? MR. MOSER: 8 8 A. In the last years? Are you talking Q. Please state your name for the 9 record. 9 about ever? 10 10 Q. Ever. A. Massimo Gamella. Q. Please state your address for the 11 11 A. Ever, yes. I mean, I used to do --12 record. 12 before my restaurant twelve years ago, I used 13 A. 24 Manor Haven Boulevard, Port 13 to do actual real estate and I owned a few 14 Washington, New York 11050. 14 things. But it was just not to own it was a 15 15 business thing. Used to buy a few things, fix Q. Have you ever been known by any other it, sold it. But then all that went upsidedown 16 names? 16 17 17 and I moved to the restaurant and also been A. No. 18 Q. The address that you gave as your 18 working regular twelve years. So there was a residence, 24 Manor Haven Boulevard, do you 19 long time ago, yes. 19 reside at that address? Q. Do you recall how much the Berrara 20 20 A. Now, yes. Not before. 21 21 case was settled for? Q. What is at that address? 22 22 A. I don't want to guess. It was not a 23 A. That's my workplace and that's why I 23 large amount. Maybe 16,000, 17,000 around 24 am staying right now. I used to live someplace 24 there. Honestly I don't really exactly recall. else obviously. 25 25 But it's got to be somewhere around there. Page 6 Page 8 1 M. GAMMELLA 1 M. GAMMELLA Q. So you are living at the restaurant? 2 2 Maybe that much. A. In the back, yes, I rent a little 3 Q. Do you know an individual by the name 3 4 place. 4 of Santos Hernandez? 5 Q. Where did you live previously? 5 A. I believe that's the fellow that A. Well, I lived at my old house a long 6 worked for me at the Uptown that has been 6 time ago. 664 Flanders Drive, Valley Stream, 7 7 closed now for years ago. New York 11581. And I would be moving in with 8 8 Q. Are you speaking about Rosso Uptown my girlfriend now. 9 9 Limited? 10 Q. When did you sell the Valley Stream 10 A. Yes. 11 Q. Do you know an individual by the name 11 house? 12 of Emanuel De Jesus Lievano? 12 A. Two, three years ago at least. Two A. Yes. Actually yeah, he worked as 13 13 or three years ago. I really don't recall it. 14 But it's got to be two, three years ago. I 14 well there for a short period of time. And he 15 came by to my place of work a few months ago. 15 don't recall the exact date. 16 I don't know why. I don't know. We asked him 16 Q. Did you sell 664 Flanders before or 17 why he was there. We have a lot cameras there. 17 after you were sued by Mr. Hernandez? 18 And he was recording. We have our own video 18 A. Hernandez was this lawsuit? Because 19 talking about, wondering why was he there. And 19 we had another lawsuit previous. he said he was picking up his girlfriend's 20 Q. Correct. There was one other -- you 20 lunch and had no idea about the lawsuit. I am 21 21 are talking about Berrara. 22 like okay. So he don't belong here. But we 22 A. Berrara, we went through the lawsuit. 23 finally told him okay, and then he left. 23 I will still living there at that time and it 24 According to him then -- I don't know was three years ago. And then I sold it after 24 25 if it's truth or not -- I don't believe 25 that. But we settled with Berrara. So I guess

Page 9 Page 11 1 M. GAMMELLA 1 M. GAMMELLA 2 anything anybody says anyway -- he was there to 2 A. Yes. This is the document that he 3 just pick up lunch and he swears up and down 3 signed because he didn't want nothing to do that he has nothing to do with the lawsuit. He 4 4 with the lawsuit. 5 was there to pick up lunch with his girlfriend 5 Q. Is your signature on this document? 6 and he swears up and down that he had nothing 6 A. Yes. (Pointing.) Right here. 7 to do with the lawsuit that we talked about 7 Q. And so you -- above the name Michael 8 Tizzano is your signature? because we asked him. And that was it. 8 9 Q. Do you know an individual by the name 9 A. No. This is my signature. 10 (Pointing.) Massimo Gammella. of Miquel Antonio Vasques? 10 11 A. Yes. Miquel Vasques, I know him as a Q. I apologize. Above Massimo Gammella 11 12 figure but his name changed. So we didn't know 12 is your signature? 13 if it was the same person. These guys 13 A. Yes. 14 sometimes they do use different names. And it 14 Q. Did you see Mr. Vasques sign this 15 takes us awhile just to investigate. But yes. 15 document? 16 I think that name Uptown, yes. But then he 16 A. Yes. 17 stopped working. And that was it. Q. You were present when he signed that 17 Q. Does Mr. Vasques work for you 18 18 document? 19 19 presently? A. We were at the place, yes. 20 A. Yes. Right. Now Mr. Vasques works Q. You were present when he signed that 20 21 there. And obviously as you know the story, he 21 document? 22 wants to sign and he wants nothing to do with A. Yes. 22 23 anybody, not even me, talking about this case. 23 Q. And at what physical location was he 24 Q. So just to summarize Santos 24 when he signed that document? 25 Hernandez, Emanuel De Jesus Lievano, and Miquel 25 A. I am pretty sure it was at Pepe Page 10 Page 12 1 M. GAMMELLA 1 M. GAMMELLA 2 Antonio Vasques all worked at Rosso Uptown 2 Rosso. 3 Limited at one time or another? 3 Q. Who was present, besides you and 4 A. Yes. 4 Mr. Vasques, when he signed this document? 5 Q. And Mr. Vasques works for you at Pepe 5 A. It was only the two of us. I gave 6 6 him the thing. He signed. I signed. He said Rosso? 7 7 A. Yes. But at the time, like I said, he want nothing to do. He doesn't want to talk 8 it was a different name. So we didn't know. 8 about it. He's been very upset with the whole 9 But yes, now he is working there. 9 situation. He didn't even want to talk to us 10 Q. Okay. Pepe Rosso is a restaurant 10 about it because he actually told us he would 11 that you own that is located on Manor Haven leave if we kept on pushing. I guess this was 11 12 Boulevard? something that should have been done by the 12 13 13 A. Yes. That's correct. way. 14 Q. I am going to show you a document 14 Q. Did he sign this on June 6th of 2022? 15 that I would like to be marked as 21. 15 A. I believe so, yes. That was the date we signed it. We told him about it. I said 16 (A one-page document was 16 17 marked as Plaintiff's Exhibit 21 for you send us this thing. You send us and we 17 18 identification, as of today's date.) told for him to sign it and we did. 18 Q. I'm going to show you what's been O. Did you explain anything about this 19 19 marked as Plaintiff's Exhibit 21. Do you 20 20 document to Mr. Vasques before he signed it? recognize that document? (Handing.) 21 21 A. Only know that I told him this was 22 A. (Reviewing.) 22 from the attorney, and that he was -- he didn't 23 Q. Take a moment. Read the document to 23 want nothing to do with the thing. I told him 24 that if he agrees to sign the document. yourself. And then you can let me know whether 24 25 Q. Does he speak English? or not you recognize the document. 25

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2	A. Very little. But I do speak fluent	2	it?
3	Spanish.	3	A. I don't recall.
4	Q. Does he read English?	4	Q. Do you have any documents with his
5	A. Honestly I cannot say. He probably	5	signature
6	does very little, but I'm not going to put	6	A. His idea
7	words into his mouth.	7	MR. MOSER: She can only take
8	Q. Did you translate this document for	8 9	down one of us at a time. So it's
9 10	him before he signed is?		important that I wait for you to be
11	A. I explain it to him verbally. I told him that's what it is. This is a release like	10	done and then you wait for me to done so that it flows a little bit easier.
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13	he requested, he didn't want nothing to do with the lawsuit. That he doesn't want to be	13	Q. Do you have any documents with
14	involved. He doesn't walk to talk about it.	14	Mr. Vasques' signature on them? A. No.
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16	And you send me a paper for him to release for the whole thing. And he said yes and he signed	16	Q. So when he was hired by you, did he execute a withholding form for taxes?
17	it. That's all. I didn't read it word by	17	A. He signed few documents. Probably
18	•	18	the payroll company might have it or my
19	word, no. But I told him what the document said, what this is about.	19	Q. I would like you to listen to my
20	Q. Did you give him this document at any	20	question. Because my question is either can
21	time?	21	be answered with a yes or no.
22	A. No. I mean after signed?	22	When you hired him, did he sign
23	Q. Yes.	23	payroll documents?
24	A. No.	24	A. He signed a few documents, yes.
25	Q. Did he	25	Q. Have you ever searched for those
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2	A. Do we have a copy? Yes, we do have a	2	documents?
3	copy.	3	A. No.
4	MR. MOSER: Just wait for me	4	Q. Do you have access to those
5	to finish my question.	5	documents?
6	Q. Does Mr. Vasques have a copy of this	6	A. I don't know if I even have them. I
7	document?	7	don't even have them right now. I really don't
8	A. Not that I know. But at work the	8	know. I can't answer yes or no because I don't
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9	copy is at work.	9	know if I have them. This guy has been with us
10	Q. Does Mr. Vasques	10	know if I have them. This guy has been with us for a long time. I don't know what I have.
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Page 17 Page 19 1 M. GAMMELLA 1 M. GAMMELLA 2 if Rosso Uptown was missing food or supplies 2 A. Not present. If I request, yes. 3 Q. If you asked the payroll company for 3 that they would be brought from Pepe Rosso to 4 the documents that they have --4 Rosso Uptown. 5 When they have it, yes. 5 A. Yeah, that's true. Some time we run 6 6 out of stuff, went down, bring it back, and -- are they obligated to give it to Q. 7 7 then we had to take it back. you? 8 8 A. Yes. If I send that request if it's Q. Would you say that Pepe Rosso had 9 9 more supplies than Rosso Uptown? mine, they should. 10 Q. What were the hours of operation of 10 A. It was -- it wasn't more. It was just some time we run out of stuff Uptown. The 11 Rosso Uptown? 11 12 A. From, I believe, it was 12:00 to 12 place was smaller and like I said things not 13 9:00. 13 going well. Because it was more we didn't 14 Q. So 12:00, noon --14 order -- would couldn't order as much. 15 15 Sometimes we run out of stuff and we went to 12:00 noon to 9:00. A. Q. P.m.? 16 16 get and bring it back. Q. Who did the purchasing for Rosso 17 17 9:00 p.m. Q. How many days per week? 18 Uptown? 18 19 A. Me or my chef, whoever it was at the 19 There were at one point five and then time, and there was a guy that was in charge. 20 six. We switched it over five to six days a 20 Renato. I forget his last name. He was the 21 week. 21 22 manager there. A Brazilian fellow. He worked 22 Q. Was it first five or first six? 23 A. Six. 23 for me for almost until the end when we lost Which day was it closed? 24 and we change the names. But then he moved out 24 Q. 25 of the country, went back to Brazil or Japan. 25 It was Monday. Page 18 Page 20 1 M. GAMMELLA 1 M. GAMMELLA 2 Q. And then when it switched over to 2 I don't know where he moved. But he was the 3 five days a week, which two days was it closed? 3 one doing the purchasing for -- the food was 4 A. Monday and Tuesday, but because 4 the chef most of the time. 5 things weren't going well. So we kept on 5 Q. So Renato did the purchasing for 6 trying to go back and forth but most of the 6 Rosso Uptown? 7 7 time it was six. A. Yes. Not everything, but yes. 8 Q. When you say "we", who are you 8 Q. Did you do any purchasing for Rosso 9 9 Uptown? 10 A. The guys; me and my wife at the time 10 A. Yes, of course. 11 who tried to help me, my son. But mostly it Q. Did you do purchasing for Pepe Rosso? 11 12 was I that was, you know, in a lot of stress to A. I do certain things, certain things. 12 try to run this place before we closed it down. Q. Did you ever combine the purchase 13 13 14 Q. So when you say we, you are not 14 orders for the supplies in order to get 15 referring you and Mr. Tizzano? 15 discounts? A. Not at all. 16 16 A. No. No. Always kept separate 17 Q. Did Mr. Tizzano ever own any portion 17 because it's two separate things. No. of Rosso Uptown? Q. Who named Rosso Uptown? Who gave it 18 18 A. No. Never. 19 19 that name? Q. Did you ever tell anyone that he A. I went through a few names. But it 20 20 owned a portion of Rosso Uptown? 21 21 was me, my kids, a few friends -- they just 22 A. No. Not really. They supposed but 22 came up with the name. It's my corporation. 23 he never owned it. I never told them that --23 So it's in my name. I had to agree with it. 24 anyone that Michael Tizzano owned my place, no. 24 Yes, it's my name, Rosso Uptown. Q. Mr. Tizzano testified that sometimes Q. You named Rosso Uptown? 25 25

Page 21 Page 23 M. GAMMELLA 1 M. GAMMELLA 1 2 2 A. Yes. even before us. 3 Q. What does -- does Rosso mean 3 Q. So part of the reason why you named 4 anything? 4 Rosso Uptown similarly to Pepe Rosso was that 5 A. Red. 5 so people would know that you were also the 6 Q. So you named it basically Red Uptown? 6 owner of Rosso Uptown as well? 7 A. Well, this was a friend and family 7 A. Not really. They know already I was 8 the owner anyway. But it was just a name that 8 come up with the ideas, yeah. I liked because I like red. Like I say, Pepe 9 Q. You named the restaurant Red Uptown? 9 A. Yes. 10 10 Rosso because it's red. Red in Italian, rosso. 11 I like everything -- all my stuff that I do, I 11 Q. And at that time you owned a 12 12 restaurant by the name of Pepe Rosso, correct? try to keep the same, you know. Red pepper, 13 13 red uptown, red whatever I am going to do next. 14 Q. What does Pepe Rosso mean? 14 I like the idea. A. Black pepper. 15 Q. In Port Washington is the area where 15 Q. So you named -- you had one 16 Rosso Uptown located considered uptown? 16 17 restaurant that was named Red Pepper, correct? 17 A. Not really. We call Uptown because 18 18 it's like up, elevated from the water. You A. Yes. Q. And then you created another 19 know, Port Washington if you know is a lot of 19 restaurant and you called that Red Uptown, it's by water. And Main Street is, like, up on 20 20 21 correct? 21 the hill. So it's not uptown. It's just -- I think up. It's up from the bottom. It's not 22 A. Yes. 22 23 Q. Why did you do that? 23 uptown. It was on Main Street as you know. 24 A. Not for any special reason. Because 24 It's just the sign on the street there. it sounds good. Plus, we change the name of 25 25 Q. Is there any other reason, besides Page 22 Page 24 1 M. GAMMELLA 1 M. GAMMELLA 2 Red Uptown a few times after that. It was 2 the fact that you like the color red, that you 3 11-Zero Uptown. It was changed a few times. 3 named both of these restaurants --4 We changed the names a few times. 4 A. Well, I liked the name red --5 Q. So other than the fact that it 5 Q. Let me finish the question please. 6 sounded good, was there any reason why you had 6 Besides the fact that you like the color red or 7 one restaurant called Red Pepper and then you 7 the name red, is there any other reason why you 8 named another called Red Uptown? 8 named these two restaurants red or Rosso? 9 A. Well, it sounds good because me as 9 A. Not particularly. Not really. 10 people know me in Port Washington, I want to 10 Q. Was there ever a record made of when 11 maybe kind of tell them that I was there too, 11 products or materials were borrowed from one 12 that it was my place. But other than that, restaurant to the another? 12 there was not really any other special meaning. 13 13 A. Repeat the question? Was any 14 Q. So people who were familiar with you, 14 records? 15 were familiar with Rosso Uptown? 15 Q. Yes. A. Well, I figured that they would, you 16 A. No. 16 17 know, know that it's my place, yeah. Q. How would you know what materials or 17 18 Q. And Pepe Rosso -- did Pepe Rosso have foods supplies were brought from one restaurant 18 19 a loyal following? 19 to another? A. I would say, yes. 20 A. We talking about a bag of tomatoes 20 or, you know, five onions. We are talking 21 Q. Did it have -- was it a known entity 21 22 in the community? 22 about small items that you run out. Maybe 23 23 paper cups we will say. It's not like we A. Yes. It was known for another 24 previous name. But yes. It's been there that borrowed a big something. It's just kitchen 24 25 stuff, like small things. restaurant for twenty-five years, twenty years 25

Page 25 Page 27 M. GAMMELLA 1 M. GAMMELLA 2 2 3rd of 2022. It's a seven-page document. Q. How would you know if materials were 3 brought from one location to the other? Would 3 (Handing.) I would like you to take a moment 4 there be any record of that whatsoever? 4 to look through it. 5 A. There would be no record because it 5 A. (Reviewing.) That's the lawsuit that 6 would be me -- the chef tell me Massimo, we 6 we sued about. 7 need a can of tomatoes. So I go down there. I 7 Q. Okay. I am going to direct your 8 get the can of tomatoes, bring it up, use it. attention to Page No. 5, the Document Request 8 When we receive it from Uptown then I bring it No. 1. 9 9 back. That was it. There was not going to be 10 10 A. (Reviewing.) Okay. a record of me purchasing separate can of Q. Did you actually search for documents 11 11 tomatoes or whatever things. that were responsive to these requests? 12 12 13 Q. So just to clarify there is no record 13 of the dates on which foods were brought from 14 14 Q. Did you ever search for documents 15 one restaurant to another? that were responsive to Document Request No. 1? 15 16 A. No. Because there was no way for us A. No. 16 17 17 Q. And there is no records indicating to search. 18 what was brought from one restaurant to the 18 O. Did you ever search for documents in 19 response to Document Request No. 2? other? 19 A. (Reviewing.) No. 20 A. No. 20 Q. And with regard to the remaining 21 Q. There is no record showing how 21 frequently food was brought from one restaurant document requests, which are numbered 3 through 22 22 21, did you ever search for documents 23 to the other? 23 24 A. Nope. Not that I recall. By the way 24 responsive to those requests? if I may add, you know, this we talking about A. (Reviewing.) No, because we couldn't 25 25 Page 26 Page 28 1 M. GAMMELLA 1 M. GAMMELLA 2 we closed already over three years. You 2 as I said. 3 talking this about five, six, seven years ago 3 Q. Why couldn't you? 4 back. As far as I recall no. The little 4 A. Well, because no less previous to 5 items, definitely not a record. 5 that we had a flood in the basement, which was 6 Q. Who hired Santos Hernandez? 6 where the office was. But even after that we A. I did. All the hiring was done 7 got basically as we didn't pay rent for months 7 8 through me or Renato, the manager there. 8 we got -- I got kicked out. And my landlord Q. Who hired Emanuel De Jesus Lievano? 9 9 took everything out and it was gone. 10 A. Same thing, either me or Renato. 10 Q. Okay. Did you ever have documents 11 Renato was the manager there. Sometimes people responsive to Document Request No. 5 at any 11 12 stop by -- yes. In the end I made the 12 time? 13 decision, yes. 13 A. (Reviewing.) We have some, yes. 14 Q. Who had the authority to fire 14 Definitely. We were paying people, yeah. 15 employees at Rosso Uptown? 15 Q. So did you pay Hernandez and Lievano on the books? 16 A. Me. 16 17 Q. Who managed Rosso Uptown? 17 A. Yes. A. Me and this guy Renato as I told you. Q. Through a payroll company? 18 18 Q. Did you have ultimate decisionmaking A. Some on the books, some they got paid 19 19 authority over hiring and firing decisions at off the books. But yes, they got paid I 20 20 Rosso Uptown? 21 21 remember. As I recall it was on the books. 22 A. Yes. 22 Q. Were they paid partially in cash and 23 Q. I am going to show you a document 23 partially by check? 24 that was previously marked as Plaintiff's A. Mostly it was just payroll by check. 24 Exhibit 8 at Mr. Tizzano's deposition of June Q. Were they paid partially by cash and 25 25

Page 29 Page 31 M. GAMMELLA 1 M. GAMMELLA 1 2 partially by check or only by check? 2 whatever I had in that location, the leftover 3 A. Only by check. 3 stuff which I found some Chase documents. But 4 Q. Which payroll company did you have? 4 that account was there which was withdrawn. I 5 A. I don't recall. This is like eight 5 believe I even send it to you. Other than 6 6 that, I didn't find anything else. years ago. 7 Q. Did you have the same payroll company 7 Q. Okay. Just to summarize, Rosso 8 for that company that you did for Pepe Rosso? 8 Uptown had bank accounts? A. Of course. 9 9 10 10 Q. Did you ever make any attempt to find O. And where were those bank accounts out the name of the payroll company? 11 11 located? A. I did. I was trying to remember to A. Chase. And I send you copies or the 12 12 13 look for it. But no, I could not find anything 13 court. I did. But I do have few which it was 14 which that was it. 14 overdrawn Q. Did you check with ADP to see if they 15 Q. Are you testifying today that you 15 were handling your payroll? sent documents from Chase Bank to the court? 16 16 A. ADP? No, I don't believe it was ADP 17 17 A. I am not -- I don't want to -- 100 18 as the payroll. 18 percent. I do have it. So if I did, I don't 19 Q. That's not my question. My question 19 know if I put it together with the stuff I sent is, did you ever check with ADP --20 to the court. But if I didn't, I will. Which 20 A. No, I didn't check with ADP I do have. It is something that I have. I am 21 21 because -- no. The answer is no. 22 not going to deny it. It's only account 22 23 Q. Did you ever check with Paychex to 23 records. 24 see if they were handling your payroll? 24 Q. How did you pay the payroll company? A. At the time, no. A. They were paid through the Chase 25 25 Page 30 Page 32 1 M. GAMMELLA 1 M. GAMMELLA 2 Q. Did you ever check with your 2 account. 3 accountant to determine who was handling your Q. So the Chase account would show who 3 4 payroll? 4 the payroll company was? 5 A. The accountant, no, I didn't check. 5 A. I am not even sure. 6 Q. So you never told your accountant 6 O. Wait a second. 7 that you needed payroll records? 7 A. Because if it says on the documents, 8 A. Yes. 8 I will give it to you. Q. Okay. So I am talking about after 9 9 Q. I am not asking you what it says on you received this request for production of 10 10 the documents. documents, right, you called your accountant 11 11 A. No. It doesn't say the name. It and told him that you needed payroll records? 12 12 just says --A. Yes, that I might need. I got a 13 13 Q. So do you get copies of your checks? 14 lawsuit thing. 14 Q. You might need? 15 15 Q. Did you ever go to that bank and ask them for copies of checks? A. Yes. 16 16 17 Q. Okay. And what payroll records did 17 A. No. Q. Did you ever ask them to tell you who 18 he give you? 18 the payroll company was that you were paying? A. I did not call after that. So I 19 19 20 A. No. I didn't go to Chase, if I may didn't get anything. 20 Q. Okay. Tell me everything that you add, because the bank account still was open 21 21 22 did to try and find or locate documents in 22 and I owed money. I had no money to put it in 23 response to these Document Requests Nos. 1 23 there. It was a big mess. That's why I didn't through 21. go back. And it was still pending. 24 24 A. The only thing I did, I look for Q. So you intentionally did not go back 25 25

Page 33 Page 35 M. GAMMELLA 1 M. GAMMELLA 2 2 to the bank, even though you knew that they paper that was in my car a couple of things 3 might know who your payroll company; is that 3 from the bank that the thing was overdrawn. 4 4 And I believe I saved it because it was the 5 A. No. No. It's not correct. 5 only thing I could find. Any other thing, 6 Q. So when the bank pays one of your 6 payroll and everything else, I couldn't even 7 vendors, they don't have a record of who they 7 remember the name of the company. I don't have 8 8 any records of it. 9 9 A. The vendors? No. The vendors was Q. Do you know whether the bank has a 10 paid through our checks, right. Our checks --10 record of who your payroll company is? I made the check. They go out. The only thing 11 11 I have -- let me make it clear. The only thing 12 12 They don't? Or you don't know? 13 I have is some left over actually was it my car 13 A. I don't know. I don't know if they 14 paper from the bank was the account statement. 14 have it 15 Then they was overdrawn. And that was it. Q. Because you never checked, correct? 15 There was no checks, no printed checks in A. According to the paper that I could 16 16 see, no. So if they do have it, no. I don't 17 there, or the account or the name of anything. 17 18 That's all. And I show it to you. 18 believe they do have a record. 19 Q. Did you understand that you had an 19 Q. So you believe that your bank does obligation to go and find the records if for not have a record of who your payroll company 20 20 some reason you didn't have them in your 21 21 was? 22 A. I don't believe so. 22 possession? 23 A. Yeah. I didn't have them in my 23 Q. And what is that belief based upon? 24 24 Why don't you think -possession. 25 Q. Yes. Do you understand that it was 25 A. Because after so many years, the Page 34 Page 36 1 M. GAMMELLA 1 M. GAMMELLA 2 your obligation to go and find them? 2 thing is they don't keep even documents. I 3 A. I did try to find them. Everything 3 mean, if the court tells them, I don't know. 4 is gone. So what am I going to find? 4 But me, they not going to give it to me if they 5 Q. Well, did you go to the bank? 5 do have after four, five years. 6 A. No. Because the account has been 6 Q. So in your opinion banks just destroy 7 7 records after four or five years? closed for years. 8 Q. Okay. Besides the fact that the 8 A. I do not know. I'm not an attorney. 9 account was closed for years -- but you just 9 I do not know what they keep. How long they 10 testified that it wasn't closed, it was 10 got to keep, I have idea. I know the account overdrawn and you didn't want to go there, after a few years, even a year, that you got to 11 11 request and pay for it. So I have no idea. 12 right? 12 Q. The accountant who -- I know you want 13 13 A. Yes. 14 Q. Which one is it? 14 to give me explanations for everything. You 15 A. Yes. But you talking about when the 15 can give explanations at the time of trial to account was open was eight years ago. When the judge. If I ask you --16 16 that account was open, it was eight years ago. A. The answer is no, I don't have 17 17 Then in the end this is talking -- already it records. My accountant didn't give me records. 18 18 was closed -- we already close the place for I do not have records. But I look for it in 19 19 20 three years. So the account was already 20 paper and look for it in my computer for 21 overdrawn and everything probably about four, 21 records, yes. I didn't find anything. The 22 five years ago. We are talking about -- like 22 only thing I found was the court thing. That's 23 you sound like this happening to me now. This 23

Q. You are still explaining and there is

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no question.

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is like years ago.

Anyway, that's only I found in the

Page 37 Page 39 1 M. GAMMELLA 1 M. GAMMELLA 2 2 Q. So you understood when you got this The accountant that you used for 3 Rosso Uptown, is that the same accountant that 3 request that it was your obligation to get 4 you used for Pepe Rosso? 4 records from your accountant? 5 A. In the end, yes. In the beginning, 5 A. Well, I understood that I got to, you 6 no. But in the end, yes, the same accountant 6 know, somehow --7 7 Q. Sir? now. 8 A. Yes. Q. Was that the same accountant that you 8 9 were using for your personal tax return as 9 Q. You understood when you got this 10 10 document that it was -- that you had a duty to go to your accountant and get the records, if 11 A. Again, not in the beginning. But in 11 12 the end before we closed, yes. 12 you could, correct? 13 Q. Did you ever ask that accountant who 13 A. Yes. 14 your payroll company was at Rosso Uptown? 14 Q. And you called him twice, correct? A. I did ask him. But he say he had to 15 A. Yes. 15 investigate and look into it. I never got Q. And he never got back to you? 16 16 17 17 anything. A. Yes. 18 Q. Did you ever ask him for your payroll 18 Q. And for that reason you said you have 19 records? 19 no documents? 20 A. No. I asked him a few times but I 20 A. Yes. Q. Okay. Would the payroll company that 21 never got it. He never told me no, he 21 couldn't -- I don't know if it's because he you used have records? 22 22 23 wasn't the one from the beginning. I never got 23 A. Payroll that I used then? 24 it. I never got any papers. I never got any 24 Q. Does the payroll company that you 25 25 payroll records. used at Rosso Uptown still have payroll records Page 38 Page 40 1 M. GAMMELLA 1 M. GAMMELLA 2 Q. Do you understand that when you get a 2 for Mr. Hernandez? 3 request for documents in federal court that you 3 A. No idea. 4 have an obligation to go and get documents that 4 Q. Does the payroll company that you 5 are in the possession of other people? 5 used still have payroll records for 6 A. Well, I am not an attorney. I 6 Mr. Lievano? 7 understood that I had to look for stuff, but 7 A. Do not know. 8 meant physically whatever I could do, which I 8 Q. Does your accountant have payroll did. Which we have none. So I don't know what 9 9 records for Mr. Hernandez? 10 else they want me to look for. 10 A. Do not know. 11 Q. Well, you didn't call your -- we've 11 Q. Does your accountant have records for 12 established that you did not call your 12 Mr. Lievano? 13 accountant, correct? 13 A. I don't believe so. I do not know. 14 A. No. I did call my accountant. 14 Q. Does your bank have records of checks 15 Q. You called your accountant and after 15 paid to Santos Hernandez? 16 you received this request and asked him for the A. Do not know. 16 17 documents that are responsive to that request? 17 Q. Does your bank have records of checks 18 A. I only asked if he had any records of 18 payable to Mr. Lievano? 19 the old years ago payroll. And he said he had A. I don't believe so. And I do not 19 to look into it, but I never got anything from 20 20 know. 21 it. And that was it. 21 Q. So when was Mr. Hernandez hired? 22 Q. How many times did you speak to him? 22 A. I do not recall. 23 A. Only two times maybe. That was three 23 Q. Can you give me any approximate date? 24 years ago. I mean, this thing is dragging for A. Approximate year. Maybe 2016. I 24 25 can't guess. Like I said, it's been long time years. Three years ago. 25

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2	ago.	2	A. Yes. Like I say it wasn't long.
3	Q. When was he was he fired?	3	Q. With regard to Mr. Santos Hernandez,
4	A. They left.	4	if we had the payroll records, would they show
5	Q. So he left? Or he was fired?	5	when Mr. Hernandez started working for you?
6	A. He left.	6	A. Yes.
7	Q. Do you know why he left?	7	Q. And would they show when he stopped
8	A. We are talking which one?	8	working for?
9	Q. Mr. Hernandez.	9	A. They should, yes. But
10	A. Hernandez? Hernandez, this is Miquel	10	Q. Would they show how many hours per
11	you talking about?	11	week Mr. Hernandez worked?
12	Q. Santos Hernandez.	12	A. Yes, on the payroll, yes.
13	A. Okay. I am getting confused.	13	Q. Would they show how many hours per
14	Santos, I believe in the end before we closed	14	week Mr. Lievano worked?
15	he left. We closed the place. Basically we	15	A. Yes. On the payroll, yes.
16	closed down. So I don't remember if he left	16	Q. Would they show how much
17	right before we closed or once we closed. We	17	Mr. Hernandez was paid per hour?
18	had no choice. We got shut down. We went out	18	A. Yes. On the payroll, yes.
19 20	of business.	19 20	Q. Would they show how much Mr. Lievano was paid per hour?
21	Q. When did you shut down?A. I believe it was 2018. Three years	21	A. Yes.
22	ago. Maybe September, October 2018 if my mind	22	Q. Would they also show Mr. Hernandez'
23	tells me.	23	overtime compensation, if any?
24	Q. How long did Santos Hernandez work	24	A. If any, which was any. But if any,
25	for you?	25	yes.
20	ioi you.		yes.
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	M. GAMMELLA A. Less than two years, maybe few years. Q. How long did Mr. Emanuel De Jesus		M. GAMMELLA Q. Would the payroll records also show Mr. Emanuel De Jesus Lievano's overtime hours
2	M. GAMMELLA A. Less than two years, maybe few years. Q. How long did Mr. Emanuel De Jesus Lievano work for you?	2 3 4	M. GAMMELLA Q. Would the payroll records also show Mr. Emanuel De Jesus Lievano's overtime hours worked, if any?
2 3 4 5	M. GAMMELLA A. Less than two years, maybe few years. Q. How long did Mr. Emanuel De Jesus Lievano work for you? A. He was there months, not even a year.	2 3 4 5	M. GAMMELLA Q. Would the payroll records also show Mr. Emanuel De Jesus Lievano's overtime hours worked, if any? A. If any, yes. They stated.
2 3 4 5 6	M. GAMMELLA A. Less than two years, maybe few years. Q. How long did Mr. Emanuel De Jesus Lievano work for you? A. He was there months, not even a year. Very short.	2 3 4 5 6	M. GAMMELLA Q. Would the payroll records also show Mr. Emanuel De Jesus Lievano's overtime hours worked, if any? A. If any, yes. They stated. Q. So will you go and look for these
2 3 4 5 6 7	M. GAMMELLA A. Less than two years, maybe few years. Q. How long did Mr. Emanuel De Jesus Lievano work for you? A. He was there months, not even a year. Very short. Q. So can you describe Emanuel De Jesus	2 3 4 5 6 7	M. GAMMELLA Q. Would the payroll records also show Mr. Emanuel De Jesus Lievano's overtime hours worked, if any? A. If any, yes. They stated. Q. So will you go and look for these payroll records?
2 3 4 5 6 7 8	M. GAMMELLA A. Less than two years, maybe few years. Q. How long did Mr. Emanuel De Jesus Lievano work for you? A. He was there months, not even a year. Very short. Q. So can you describe Emanuel De Jesus Lievano for me in any way?	2 3 4 5 6 7 8	M. GAMMELLA Q. Would the payroll records also show Mr. Emanuel De Jesus Lievano's overtime hours worked, if any? A. If any, yes. They stated. Q. So will you go and look for these payroll records? A. I tried. I could make another good
2 3 4 5 6 7 8	M. GAMMELLA A. Less than two years, maybe few years. Q. How long did Mr. Emanuel De Jesus Lievano work for you? A. He was there months, not even a year. Very short. Q. So can you describe Emanuel De Jesus Lievano for me in any way? A. Describe him what; personally?	2 3 4 5 6 7 8	M. GAMMELLA Q. Would the payroll records also show Mr. Emanuel De Jesus Lievano's overtime hours worked, if any? A. If any, yes. They stated. Q. So will you go and look for these payroll records? A. I tried. I could make another good effort. Yes. Again, I will ask my accountant
2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	M. GAMMELLA A. Less than two years, maybe few years. Q. How long did Mr. Emanuel De Jesus Lievano work for you? A. He was there months, not even a year. Very short. Q. So can you describe Emanuel De Jesus Lievano for me in any way? A. Describe him what; personally? Q. Yes, how he looked.	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	M. GAMMELLA Q. Would the payroll records also show Mr. Emanuel De Jesus Lievano's overtime hours worked, if any? A. If any, yes. They stated. Q. So will you go and look for these payroll records? A. I tried. I could make another good effort. Yes. Again, I will ask my accountant again if he finds anything out. This was years
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2	Limited?	2	A. That I am in the business, yes.
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4	Q. Did you have operational control over	4	A. Like I said, I am not how many
5	Rosso Uptown Limited?	5	hours you supposed to be working in through the
6	A. Yes.	6	week. Which we basically sorry if I'm go
7	Q. Were you a signatory on the bank	7	into explanation. We basically only worked
8	accounts of Rosso Uptown Limited?	8	forty hours if and most for each employee
9	A. Yes.	9	because we were not that busy.
10	Q. When I say "Mr. Hernandez", you	10	Q. What is your understanding of what
11	understand I mean Santos Hernandez, correct?	11	spread of hours pay is?
12	A. Yes, now. Because I get it confused	12	A. That if you go over a certain amount
13	with Vasques. Santos Hernandez, that's the	13	of hours, they supposed to pay extra.
14	one.	14	Q. Number of hours per way, per day?
15	Q. You understand that when I've been	15	A. Per week or per day I suppose as far
16	asking you about Mr. Hernandez, I have been	16	as I know. You can only work so many hours
17	asking you about Mr. Santos Hernandez?	17	during the day. And if go you work more than
18	A. Yes.	18	the regular hours, I guess you have to it's
19	Q. Was Mr. Hernandez an employee of	19	supposed to get paid more.
20	Rosso Uptown?	20	Q. How much more were they supposed to
21	A. Yes.	21	be paid?
22	Q. Do you know whether he was employed	22	A. I believe it's time and a half for
23	from March 20th of 2016, until July 1st of	23	now or it was always.
24	2018?	24	Q. After how many hours per week?
25	A. As I recall he was employed around	25	A. I really don't recall then. But I
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4	Q. Okay. Who owns 24 Manor Haven, the	4	Q. Yes. Since the beginning of June,
5	company?	5	have you worked with Mr. Tizzano?
6	A. I don't know. The landlord. I don't	6	A. Yes.
7	know his last name. You want me to find out.	7	Q. And have you seen him maybe five
8	I can't recall. It's a landlord. He is in	8	times a week in June?
9	Jersey. Anthony, he is the owner which I	9	A. Four times a week and then I just
10	believe in Port Washington, Anthony Saldano. I	10	came back because my father ill. I went away
11	can look it up but the real owner of 24	11	and now he is away. But that day to this day,
12	Manor Haven, I mean, I didn't investigate.	12	five, six times, seven times, yes.
13	It's a fellow Joe Visco. Joseph Visco now that	13	Q. How many times have you spoken with
14	I recall.	14	Mr. Tizzano since June 3rd of 2022?
15	Q. Did Mr. Michael Tizzano ever work at	15	A. Multiple times. We work together.
16	Rosso Uptown?	16	We also speak about a lot of issues.
17	A. He was helping me with the menus. He	17	Q. Would you say it's more than ten
18	was consulting basically. He was consulting	18	times?
19	with other restaurants, other places as well.	19	A. I would say it's more, but plenty
20	And he did help me out. He's been my friend	20	times five, six, seven, eight. I don't
21	for many years. Menus, ideas but that's it.	21	recall. We work together. We talk all the
22	Other than that, helped us sometime, you know,	22	time. I mean, we work together. We have a lot
23	make changes in the menu and food.	23	of things we have to talk about.
24	Q. How many years have you been friends?	24	Q. Were you aware that he testified on
25	A. Fifteen years.	25	June 3, 2022?
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2	He was here at the time. So at the time I	2 3	It was not a Chase. They closed the bank. They closed the branch by us. It was a
3	don't think we text. I think we spoke.	4	different bank. I'm sorry. I don't recall. I
4	Q. Okay. And you haven't sent any text	5	can get it for you. I can definitely get it
5	message to him and he hasn't sent any text	6	for you.
6	message to you about his testimony of June 3rd	7	Q. Was Mr. Tizzano ever a signatory on
7	of 2022?	8	the Rosso Uptown bank account?
8	A. Other than now, yesterday, no. We	9	A. No.
9	text all the time, yes, all kinds of stuff,	10	Q. Was he ever a co-owner?
10	yes.	11 12	A. No. MR. MOSER: Is there anything
11	Q. Yesterday what did you text about?	13	else you would like to add?
12	A. Just that I was to go and he remind	14	MR. GAMMELLA: No.
13	me because I am all over the place. I got a	15	MR. MOSER: Thank you so much
14	lot going on. I told him yes, I know. As a	16	for your time. I appreciate it.
15	matter of fact your secretary called me as	17	(Time noted: 11:20 a.m.)
16	well. She said she couldn't find my e-mail	18	
17	address. It was wrong, which I don't think if	19 20	
18	it's possible. So I did ask him about what it	20	MASSIMO GAMMELLA
19	was. And he actually told me. And then I got	21	
20	in touch with your secretary and she told me		Subscribed and sworn to
21	the address and the room. That's it.	22	before me this day
22	Q. Do you believe that Mr. Santos		of , 2022.
23	Hernandez or Mr. Emanuel De Jesus Lievano have	23	
24	any valid claim against you or Rosso Uptown?	24	NOTARY PUBLIC
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